

## Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7, 1899.

Hon. Charles H. Burke,

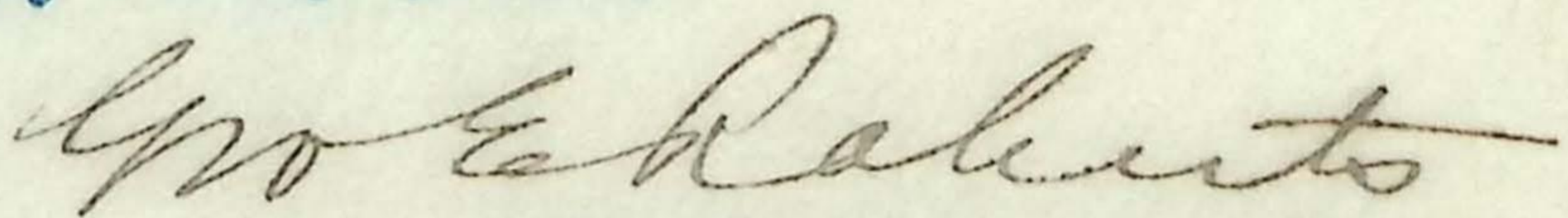
Pierre, S. D.

Dear Sir:

I beg to say that in response to the representations made by yourself, Congressman Gamble and others, Mr. W. J. Thornby has been reinstated to his position in the Deadwood Assay Office.

The force at that Institution has in my opinion, been too large for the amount of work there was to do and it would be easier to defeat a movement to abolish the Institution, and to get the annual appropriation for it, if the expenses were kept lower. Perhaps, however, it will be as well to retain Mr. Thornby for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.